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National Fossil Day at the County Museum



The San Bernardino County Museum will participate in National Fossil Day on Wednesday, October 15 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Activities scheduled inside the Hall of Geological Wonders are included with paid museum admission.

National Fossil Day is a celebration organized by the National Park Service to promote public awareness and stewardship of fossils, as well as to foster a greater appreciation of their scientific and educational values.

At the County Museum, visitors can tour the latest special exhibit, "Fossils Underfoot," and discover prehistoric animals that once lived in southern California. Museum educators will present interactive cart talks related to fossils during the day.

"People driving down to San Diego through the Temecula area, or people driving over Cajon Pass and through Barstow on their way east may not realize that they are passing millions of years of life preserved as fossils," said Eric Scott, the museum's curator of paleontology. "National Fossil Day is celebrated across the United States, but here in the Inland Empire we should celebrate fossils every day—we'd certainly never run out of discoveries to talk about."

Museum guests can also bring in a rock, a mineral, or another geological wonder for identification by museum specialists.

The San Bernardino County Museum is at 2024 Orange Tree Lane in Redlands. Take the California Street exit from Interstate 10. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 9 am to 5pm. General admission is \$10 (adult), \$8 (military or senior), \$7 (student), and \$5 (child aged 5 to 12). Children under five and Museum Association members are admitted free. Parking is free. For more information, visit www.sbcountymuseum.org. The museum is accessible to persons with disabilities. If assistive listening devices or other auxiliary aids are needed in order to participate in museum exhibits or programs, requests should be made through Museum Visitor Services at least three business days prior to your visit. Visitor Services' telephone number is 909-307-2669.